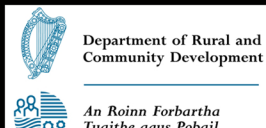


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HERITAGE CYCLE RALLY

In the "Wheelrims" of William Bulfin 1864-1910

Laois "Lores & Legends" Trail
Celebrating European Year
of Cultural Heritage



Details: Day 1: Friday August 24th 2018 - "Laois Lores" Culture & Heritage Trail

....with "William Bulfin" and a boyhood "Owney McRory O'More". Rory Oge O'More described by his English adversaries as the "Robin Hood" of Ireland. Certainly regarded as a legend of his time, a romantic figure perhaps equated to Che Guevara by the native Irish who were fighting colonial rule during the Elizabethan Period. A hero of national importance, feared amongst his enemies and celebrated by his local clansmen. (Source: Laois Archaeology)

10:15 am: Assembly at the Pavillion, Castle Durrow, Country House Hotel:

Registration, Event Heritage Briefing, Welcome Reception and Introduction to our Austrian Visitors. "I am Owney McRory O'More" introduction to Laois Sept, O'More Family. Opportunity to view Castle Durrow Gardens (tea/coffee served).

11:45 am: Attanagh: Irish Fly Fishing & Game Shooting Museum:

Heritage talk with Walter Phelan. (Fish & Game, period breakfast) Irish & Austrian traditional/folk music.

1:45 pm: Heywood Gardens Ballinakill: Heritage Talk: In the early 1900s, Colonel Hutchenson Poe hired the eminent architect Sir Edwin Lutyens to create formal gardens around Heywood House. The gardens were probably landscaped by Gertrude Jekyll. Although the house is gone, the gardens are among the best surviving example of Lutyens' work in Ireland. (Courtesy of Laois Heritage Trail) (Photo by Kevin Byrne). **Gee's Gourmet Jams (Courtesy Call)**

3:00 pm Round Tower & Heritage Centre, Timahoe:

Heritage talk - O' More Family History. (light refreshments + Irish & Austrian traditional/folk music).

4:15 pm Stradbally: Music, Dance and light refreshments at the Old Bandstand. A unique building which has stood in the centre of Stradbally since 1899 and is a rare and architecturally significant example of a pagoda style corrugated structure. (Laois Partnership)

6:00 pm Arrive at Treacy's Restaurant, The Heath: Wash & Shower facilities available. Evening meal at Treacy's, followed by Irish & Austrian music session. Camping at The Heath GAA Grounds or upgrade to a local hotel (additional cost) (bed only required)

Details: Day 2: Saturday August 25th - The "Laois Legends" Culture & Heritage Trail

....with "William Bulfin" & an adult, "Owney McRory O'More"

10:00 am: Event Breakfast at Treacy's Restaurant: Breakfast Heritage Talk, "The Battle of Mullaghmast" with "William Bulfin".

11:00 am: Depart Treacy's for Emo Court, to the music of "March of the High Kings of Laois"

Owney McRory O' More, Medieval Chariot Ride/High Nelly Cycle to Emo Court for **11.15am** Guided tour of Emo Court & Gardens.

12.45pm: Rock of Dunamase: Bulfin Cycle will merge here with Kerry visitors, arriving from Listowel with "7 Sept Family Torches". Pageant: "Return of the The Seven Septs" (based on the book "From Laois to Kerry" by Michael Christopher Keane).

O' More Family History with Kerry/Laois Schools - Flags Project.

Souvenir Parchment: Copy presentation of original "Septs Transplantation" treaty document.

2: 45 pm Ballyroan: "Pass of the Plumes" 1599 battle re-enactment, at Rockview Walkways & Resource Centre. "Owney McRory O'More soldiers" intercept "Earl of Essex soldiers" (Essex "soldiers" in period outfits of Plumaged/Feathered head dress). Heritage talk with Willie McGrath. Irish & Austrian Traditional/Folk Music and Dance. (Light refreshments served).

4:00 pm Abbeyleix: Heritage House: (Heritage Talk) (High Nelly / Vintage bike cycle to Durrow via Killamuck and Clonking.

5:00 pm Aylward's Heritage Museum: Viewing of museum artefacts.

6:00 pm Durrow: Ashbrook Arms: Bulfin Heritage Cycle Rally 2018 Finale: Event Celebratory Meal. Followed by: Music, Entertainment / Sing-Song at Bob's Bar with Irish & Austrian musicians. Opportunity to view Bob's High Nelly Bike Museum.



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